

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as indicated hereafter. It is believed that the following amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

***In the Specification:***

Please insert the following section before the first line of the specification:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/FR02/04534, filed December 23, 2002, which claims priority to FR 01/17101, filed December 27, 2001, both applications of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into the present application.

***In the Abstract:***

Please replace the existing abstract with the newly-submitted abstract attached herewith on a separate sheet.